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SUBJECT: JOHNS HOPKINS EXCHANGE WITH BUCHAREST

REF: STATE 162312, BUCHAREST 3467

1. CU/EE HAS DISCUSSED WITH JACK FISHER OF JOHNS HOPKINS (JHU) THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE IN URBAN STUDIES WITH INSTITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, U OF BUCHAREST. WE EXPLAINED OUR INABILITY TO ASSURE JHU A NUMBER OF GRANTS UNDER THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, AND WE REACHED UNDERSTANDING TO ASSIST IN FUNDING THE EXCHANGE UNDER A CU COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS (CPI) GRANT.

2. EXCHANGE WOULD INCLUDE TWO US AND TWO ROMANIAN PROFESSORS FOR ONE MONTH EACH, AND TWO US AND TWO ROMANIAN GRADUATE STUDENTS FOR THREE TO SIX MONTHS EACH. CU GRANT OF DOLS 6000 TO JHU WOULD INCLUDE DOLS 4000 FOR FOUR ROUND TRIPS BALTIMORE-BUCHAREST FOR THE FOUR AMERICANS, AND DOLS 1000 EACH FOR LIVING COSTS FOR THE TWO ROMANIAN PROFESSORS AT JHU. TOTAL GRANT DOLS 6000. JHU WOULD COVER COSTS OF THE TWO ROMANIAN STUDENTS IN THE US. ROMANIANS WOULD COVER INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS OF THEIR PARTICI-  
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PANTS, AND COSTS IN ROMANIA FOR THE TWO JHU STUDENTS. EX-

CHANGE WOULD BE RUN DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE TWO INSTITUTIONS, WITH NO ADMINISTRATION BY EMBASSY OR DEPARTMENT, EXCEPT FOR GRANT-IN-AIDS.

3. CU/EE HAD LONG AND SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH FISHER ON A SIMILAR DIRECT EXCHANGE WITH A YUGOSLAV INSTITUTION AND HAS CONFIDENCE HE CAN ADMINISTER THE EXCHANGE WITH ROMANIA. WE SUGGEST EMBASSY LET HIM CARRY THE BALL. HOWEVER, IF ROMANIANS SHOULD RAISE QUESTION, WE SUGGEST EMBASSY EXPLAIN ADVANTAGES OF DIRECT RELATIONSHIP AND REASONS WHY DEPT CANNOT FUND PROGRAM UNDER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. FYI WE HAVE SEVERAL SUCH PROJECTS IN OTHER CU/EE COUNTRIES AND ALL WORK WELL.

4. FIRST PERSON TO TRAVEL WOULD BE DR. LUCIEN BUSH, JHU PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, WHO WOULD SPEND LAST TWO WEEKS IN OCTOBER AND FIRST TWO WEEKS IN NOVEMBER IN ROMANIA.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE TO PROCEED WITH GRANT-IN-AID. KISSINGER

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